

Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting  
Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
130 Gosse Court, Miller Center  
6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Start 7:00pm

SC members- Ward 4: Jim Holway, Eric Corbman, Jeff Clark, Alex Farrell, and David Driscoll

Ward 7: Linda Deliduka, and Matt Hurlburt

**District 6-1 & District 6-2 House Reps**

6-1 Carol Ode and Bob Rupert running as Democrats. There are three candidates running for seats. Kurt Wright is running Republican.

Carol Ode: Raised kids in new north end, experience on school board at Flynn and bar foundation board. Worked on interest rates that fund Vermont legal aid. Listened and heard that people are interested in economy, to afford healthcare, childcare, repay student loan, good quality of life, clean lake, and mental health issues. Worked on paid family leave but was not passed and worked on clean water.

Bob Cooper-worked with probation office, worked with governor, green mountain pension plan. Cares about Local control over schools, plain water eco development, tax dollars in state. Heard about gun control and property tax. Economic development goes beyond creating housing but good high paying jobs. Believe health care should not just be for profit. Support Clean lakes act, plastic taxes to go towards cleaning up lakes.

Kurt Wright on City Council and Rep. See property tax as number 1 issue to leave Burlington and VT. Only Republican rep. in the house from Burlington and also Burlington City Council. Believe in a balance house.

Gene O'Sullivan 6-2 on house commerce and focus on workforce development. Focus on guard reserve to help get better job. Most are under-employed want to have a safe and stable life.

**Chittenden Senate**

Tim Ashe-went to UVM and worked for Bernie. Work at Chittenden action on mobile home park issues and worked at Cathedral Square for 8 yrs. currently serve on appropriation and judiciary committee. Have worked on juvenile justice and listen to practitioners. Worked on increasing minimum wage to improve wellbeing of families, was not approved. Focus on spending side of education. Need to look at Human Services (HS) in school and see that cost of non-instructional cost increase. See that structural cost has lowered but HS has increase. Worked on access to primary doc in rural areas and made it possible for docs to serve underserved areas. Worked on eliminating cost sharing subs for lower income individuals. There has been discussion on non-residential home owner but this would complicate assessors and political to not out price someone who has camp. Some equitable issues with non-residential and residential home owner that needs to be sort out.

Finn Abbey-Lives in Jericho, junior at MT Mount Mansfield high school. Telling young people to be more civically involved to run and talk about what needs to be done in their community. Some improvements that need to be done is opening up voter candidate and create single payer healthcare, don't like profit

motive. Agree that need to eliminate small district and move away from property tax to fund education. Believe health care is a human right and when people are not going to get care because of cost it puts people in a position that they are putting own self-interest first. Need to go to single payer.

Ginny Lyons- running for re-election. Sees a need to improve water quality: surface and ground water, and mental health system. Learned to have diverse interest. Energy and environment science interest. On finance committee and work closely with appropriation. Look at senior care and issues. Worked Act 46 in senate finance and also a complex bill that would of turned the cord in income tax from property tax in a way we haven't seen. The complex bill was an issue due it creating two separate tax bills. There is a tax committee that will look at tax: income tax and the moving away from property tax to fund education. Believes Medicaid waiver for those who can't afford it is going to stay around. Linking healthcare services, in home care, chronic care initiatives, substance abuse prevention, childcare, hospital to build a system that's connect, reduction of pharm from Canada for 2019 prevention care will reduce cost. Sponsored Equal Pay for Equal work law. Interested in creating education and job for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and consumer protection.

Alex Farrell- Went to CVU, then UVM. Works as a Business Administration Analyst at Union Mutual of Vermont. Served on the City voter board of registration. Appointed to parks commission in Burlington. On Wards 4/7 NPA Steering Committee. On these committees met a lot of people and hear the issues such as affordability and accessibility for people to have economic opportunity, especially senior citizens and young people. Interested in Clean lakes, holding the line on higher taxes, supporting small business, and wants to encourage youth to go to higher education in Vermont and to stay in Vermont after graduation. Need to connect voters at a district level to bring back to a local level to reduce tax increase. Need to remove fee for service and price transparency to reduce healthcare cost. Importation can save Vermonter money in health cost.

Phil Baruth-Was on Ward 4 School Board and currently on education committee. This year worked on issues of choice school from barring special needs students. Special needs students can go to a choice school now without a hassle. Went to Burlington high school and heard that there needs more money for English Language Learners (ELL) and worked on freeing up on money to help with ELL services. Act 46 Burlington was a model for larger district than tiny district. Act 46 created larger districts and seeing hundreds, thousands adding to million in savings. Act 46 came out of education Committee. See that we don't value patient and nurses and need to change this.

Chris Person-Spend several years in House and currently on Senate. Introduced 4to5 year ramp-up 15-dollar minimum wage bill that was veto. Sponsored a bill to get pharmaceuticals from Canada which cost is lower. Served on natural resource and energy committee. Worked with committee on Lake cleanup which is a 20 year project. Serves on government operations committee worked on protecting the election from hackers. Sponsored a bill for income sensitivity and see property tax as a real problem for VT. A lot of people depend on Medicaid and federal decision is going to affect everyone.

Steve May-Clinical Social Worker. Want to talk about minimum wage to go up and fight for student loan relief. Need to have better mental health system. Work with many people that are in crisis and don't get the treatment and services they need.

## **Judicial Seats**

Kevin McLaughlin- Sheriff for 32 years in Chittenden County. The position is like chief of police but also legal contractor for department in services in County and State. A lifelong BTV resident. Lived all life and grad of Sheriff and Police academy. Position needs to know civil process, administration, transportation, legal, human resources.

Greg Glennon-Probate judge for 2 years. This position handles adoption of kids, property of death and elderly cases. Work with sensitive issue that are dealing with family and vulnerable people. Probate court get 2000 cases annually. Really enjoy working as a Probate judge. Got involved 20years ago because want to help people and want to serve another 4 years. Live in the New North End and if give opportunity again will treat all that go through court with respect and dignity.

Bill Norful-Running for Probate judge. Desire to always contribute back and be involved in community. Lived in Winooski whole life and was Mayor from 91-99 in Winooski. Have law practice over 20 years and in practice to be compassionate to help people in their sensitive time.

Charles Delany-Assistant Judge in Chittenden County. Represent ordinary people in court system and look at the facts and work with State judges to make a decision together. Mostly work with family civil court. Administer County budget for the Sheriff department and administration. Want to be assistant judge because been in term for 10 years. For 30 years worked in civil rights arena. Certified in civil mediation.

Michael Major-Running for Sheriff. Currently the deputy sheriff for 34years. Worked with highway and safety grants on federal and state levels. Have volunteered in Boys Scout, Special Olympics, grandparent program. Sheriff world needs equal balance between community and law.

Zachary York-Running for County Assistant Judge which is part County administrator and lay person judge and don't need to be a lawyer to be a judge and in VT constitution. Residential of ward 4 and graduated from Burlington high school and have legal studies degree. Running as Democrat and endorsed by progress county committee.

-Connie King Ramsey-seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term in Assistant judge. Have 8 years and experience in the position to know about the community and helping children families. Born and raised in the community and know the area. Have operated a business in the community for over 22 years. So have the experience and dedication to improving family and children who are vulnerable.

## **Statewide Offices**

David Zukerman-Currently Lt. Gov. last for two years. 14 years in House and 4 years in Senate. Served a range of committees. Worked on education reform and lime disease. Done a lot of work across the state to have youth engagement. VPR voter poll indicates that there are 50% of people that have contact with someone who has an addiction. The pharmaceutical companies is the problem of over prescription and lead to the crisis. One thing want to see is fully fund support and recovery and also job and education opportunities for young people. Our country used to have an open process. The civil discourse is a symptom of a larger systems breakdown. Need to bring this civil discourse back without being about the other and solve problems together.

Jasdeep Pannu. Running for US Senate. Currently an Attorney and want schools not prisons. The drug war is the worst issue which is a slave trade. One of 4 republican running. Mantra is education completes a person. Opioid crisis was not dealt with directly like tobacco. Pharmaceutical companies have made unreasonable profits and there is no punishment on this industry. Want Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE) to have new focus. The cartel have the ability to bribe ICE and take children into slave trade. Have lack of focus. What need to have is more people weather running for Democrats or Republican be for the people.

Dan Freilich-Running to help VT to not take special interest money that puts equity and transparency at risk. Running against Welch. Trying to fight for income inequality and Medicare for all to have universal safety network. Currently a doctor. In the navy was assigned to address the opioid in navy. We need to resource in terms of prevention and resource. Need to have unbiased and have politician stop taking pharmaceutical money. Need to resurrect impeachment bill to get Trump out. Democrat needs to win elections.

### **School Board**

Mike Fisher and Martine Gulick both on community engagement subcommittee. On Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-8pm there will be a meeting at Hunt. Some topics of pre-k space. For the past 10years talk for renovating BHS. Getting the community to work with school board and superintend to improve student outcome.

Mark Barlow- There will be 3 tours coming up at Burlington high school. There are a group of Chinese students visiting through an international program and looking for host families for 7/29-8/10. Kids will be in program in the daytime.

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

End: 9:00pm

